

1 ISO 830:1981 then goes on to distinguish general purpose containers  
from specific purpose containers. At ISO 830:1981 section 4.1.1.1 a  
"general purpose container" is defined as a "[f]reight container, totally  
enclosed and weather-proof, having a rigid roof, rigid side walls, rigid end  
5 walls and a floor, having at least one of its end walls equipped with doors  
and intended to be suitable for the transport of cargo of the greatest possible  
variety." The rectangular platform 2 of the present invention is not a general  
purpose container as defined.

10 Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14, and replace it  
with the following paragraph:

A "specific purpose container" is considered a "general term applicable  
to all general cargo containers having constructional features either for the  
15 "specific purpose" of facilitating packing and emptying other than by means  
of doors at one end of the container, or for other specific purposes such as  
ventilation." ISO 830:1981 section 4.1.1.2. The rectangular platform 2 of  
the present invention is a sub-group of specific purpose containers as  
defined.

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Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21, and replace it  
with the following paragraph:

The term "rectangular platform" as used in the claims is considered to  
25 encompass the term "platform based container open sided" as defined in ISO  
830:1981 at section 4.1.1.2.3, except any limitations as to series  
designations should be omitted from the definition of "rectangular platform".  
The term "platform based container open sided" is "applied to any general  
cargo container which does not have rigid side walls or equivalent structures  
30 capable of withstanding all of the loads that may be withstood or transmitted  
by a side wall of a general purpose container and which, for this reason has a  
base structure similar to that of a platform (container). (See 4.1.1.2.4)."  
ISO 830:1981, section 4.1.1.2.3.

35 Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 31, and replace it  
with the following paragraph:

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ISO 830: 1981 at section 4.1.1.2.4 defines a "platform (container)" as a "[l]oadable platform having no superstructure whatever but having the same length and width as the base of a container of the same series and  
5 equipped with top and bottom corner fittings, located in the plan view as on containers of series 1, so that some of the same securing and lifting devices can be used."

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1, and replace it  
10 with the following paragraph:

ISO 830:1981 discusses three main sub-types of platform based container open sided. The first is "the platform based container open sided with complete superstructure" which is defined as a "[p]latform-based  
15 container, having a permanently fixed longitudinal load-carrying structure between ends at the top." ISO 830:1981, section 4.1.1.2.3.1. This sub-type is further divided into "those having a rigid roof and rigid end walls (open sided); . . . those having an open top and rigid end walls; . . . [and] those having an open top and open ends (skeletal)." ISO 830:1981, section  
20 4.1.1.2.3.1. The second sub-type are "platform based containers with incomplete superstructure and fixed ends" which are defined as a "[p]latform based container without any permanently fixed longitudinal load-carrying structure between ends other than at the base." ISO 830:1981, section  
4.1.1.2.3.2. The third sub-type defined is a "platform based container with  
25 incomplete superstructure and folding ends." This sub-type is defined at ISO 830:1981, section 4.1.1.2.3.3, as a "[p]latform based container with incomplete superstructure (as envisaged in 4.1.1.2.3.2) but having folding end frames with a complete transverse structural connection between corner posts."

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